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1. THE RESOLUTION REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF REFTEL
CAME UP FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.
AT THAT TIME THE RESOLUTION WAS CO-SPONSORED BY NINE DEVEL-
OPING COUNTRIES IN ADDITION TO JAPAN. IN A LAST-MINUTE MOVE,
THE MEXICAN DELEGATION PROPOSED AN ORAL AMENDMENT TO THE OP-
ERATIVE SECTION OF THE RESOLUTION. THAT AMENDMENT IN EFFECT
ENCOURAGED UNU TO PURSUE ITS PROGRAM OF WORK WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THE CO-
SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION, AT INITIATIVE OF THE U.S. DELEGATION,
DID NOT ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT AND THROUGH THEIR VENEZUELAN
SPOKESMAN INDICATED THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTATIONS
ON THE RESOLUTION.

2. THE JAPANESE MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SUBSEQUENTLY
CONTACTED USUN TO INFORM US THAT CONSULTATIONS WILL TAKE
PLACE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24. AT THE CONSULTATION, THE JAPAN-
ESE WILL SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING REFORMULATION OF THE MEXICAN
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AMENDMENT: "ENCOURAGE THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY TO ASSURE

THAT ITS WORK ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS BE IN AREAS IDENTIFIED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS SIXTH AND SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSIONS AND IN RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY." ALTHOUGH THE LANGUAGE IS RATHER CLUMSY, IT IS IN USUN'S VIEW A VAST IMPROVEMENT OVER THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL AND IS PROBABLY A PARAGRAPH WITH WHICH WE COULD LIVE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE JAPANESE WILL BE FORECEFUL ENOUGH IN THE CONSULSTATION TO ACHIEVE THIS KIND OF COMPROMISE. WHILE THE US DELEGATION PARTICIPANT IN THE CONSULTATIONS ON THE RESOLUTION WILL INITIALLY TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE MEXICAN AMENDMENT SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AT ALL, USUN WISHES TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE JAPANESE AS NECESSARY IN ARRIVING AT CONSENSUS LANGUAGE ALONG THE LINES OF THAT SUGGESTED BY THE AJAPANESE. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECOGNIZE THE JAPANESE FORMULATION AS BEING DERIVED FROM A FORMULATION EMPLOYED IN RESOLUTION 1458 ON UNITAR. THE JAPANESE HAVE SEEN FIT TO ADD THE WORDS "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY" IN ORDER TO ISOLATE THE UNIVERSITY FROM UNDUE INTERFERENCE FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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